

Shauna Hillman bio:

Shauna Hillman is a born and bred Idahoan. Growing up in southern Idaho, she is the daughter of a county agent, Russell Hillman, who taught potato farmers how to grow seed potatoes. She is a graduate of ISU, and came to the Panhandle in 1980 in pursuit of the mountains' beauty.

For more than 20 years, Shauna Hillman owned and operated a small business in Wallace's main Bank Street. Part of her business was the preserving, cataloging and archiving of historical photographs of Idaho's mining, timber and farming activities – many of them on glass-plate negatives.

“I have had many mentors in my life, but two that come to mind, after my father and mother, are May Arkwright-Hutton and Nellie Stockbridge. May Hutton was a leader in the western women's suffragette movement, and without Nellie's camera work we would not know our history. Politically they were opposites, but they had common cause when it came to Idaho and its stellar future,” said Ms. Hillman.

“I am saddened to see our Idaho so politically divided along ideological lines,” she added. “I'd like to see all of us work together again, as we used to, to educate our children and support our underlying economies. Idaho is the Big Water Mountain Land. Let us re-unite.”

Hillman is seeking her first public office, but is no stranger to public service. She has been honored as Citizen of the Year by Wallace Elks Lodge 331, served in various offices as the first woman in such capacity, and was also honored as Citizen of the Year by the Wallace Chamber of Commerce, and for years directed the Historic Wallace Preservation Society and its Under the Freeway Flea Market.

Hillman serves as curator and managing director of the Northern Pacific Railway Depot museum in Wallace.

“This campaign is not about the incumbent versus me. It's about Idaho and where we need to go together, all of us,” she said.